

REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the examiner for the interview granted to applicant's attorney. Applicant's attorney pointed out during the interview that the combination of references clearly failed to disclose or suggest the detection of three open states and the utilization of these detected states to control the reading device. The examiner agreed that the references of record fail to render claims 18-22 unpatentable.

In view of the agreement reached during the interview, applicant has canceled claims 2-4 and 9-11 in order to place the application in condition for allowance.

Applicant also encloses herewith a replacement sheet for Fig. 17A. As noted by the examiner, the original figure contained a typographical error.

Respectfully submitted,

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